

**WETLANDS** Farmers cross a wooden bridge in rice fields of a swampy area as they head to use a higher ground after the heavy rains drenched by "Isang" in Candon City, Ilocos Sur, on Thursday and Friday.

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## Storm 'Isang' batters Luzon; holiday declared

**By the Inquirer staff**

WIDESPREAD FLOODING caused by tropical storm "Isang" effectively shut down Metro Manila yesterday despite the onset of the weekend, with thousands of commuters being stranded in various areas in extreme northern Luzon.

President Manlapit-Arroyo declared a holiday early yesterday morning in Metro Manila, later extending it to most of Luzon as flooding made commuting difficult and caused vehicles to stall.

The announcement was made at 8 a.m. when most people were already at work. Floodwaters could be seen rising through low-lying areas.

**STORM AS**

# Ready to leave priesthood

## Among Ed set to run for president

**By Tina Arce-Owens**

**PAMPANGA GOV. EDDIE** Panlilio is prepared to give up his priesthood to be able to run for president in 2010.

"I have come to this point that I feel ready to such disposition from the Church," Panlilio told the Inquirer in a phone interview yesterday. "That is, if the people will really want me and I feel that running for president is something that [God] has planned for me."

Kiko Nui, a political organization that seeks to win Panlilio the presidency on the promise of change and an end to graft and corruption, will be officially launching this morning as the Pampanga chapter of the National Citizens' Movement for Reform.

It was Panlilio's biggest supporters.

**MAKING TIME / A1**



**HOMEBOUND** Everybody's home or going home to these houses along the flooded Main Street in Barangay Tanana in Marikina City. What to do? Nothing much but look out the window and wait and watch.

## Nograles says Cha-cha train back on track

**By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.**

HOUSE SPEAKER PROSPERO NOGRALES says the Cha-cha train is back on track after being overruled earlier by the speaker's committee.

Nograles has placed his House Resolution No. 757 proposing to amend the economic provisions of the Constitution to allow foreigners to own land at the top of the House legislative agenda while Congress resumes on July 27.

HR 757, seeking to lift constitutional restrictions on foreign investors in such areas as real estate, natural resources and media, would give Cha-cha a second chance.

**NOGRALES / A1**

## No more time for recount, says Panlilio lawyer

**By Yvette Reyes**

In Pampanga and Kristine L. Alon in Manila

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—TIME** is the fundamental problem in the recount of votes in the 2007 Pampanga gubernatorial polls that the Supreme Court has ordered the Commission on Elections to conduct.

"There is no more time to recount,"

**NO MORE TIME / A1**

## GMA: There will be elections in 2010

**By Jeffrey M. Tapan**

In San Francisco and Tapan in Manila

**MANILA—PRESIDENT BENIGNO** Aquino III declared that next year's elections would push through as scheduled.

"Let the say in its own words, there will be elections in 2010. There's your headline for tomorrow," the President told reporters with a chuckle at a press briefing here yesterday that was aired live over the government radio.

During the session, he said: "Anybody who questions our resolve on this critical issue in undermining our country's commitment to a vibrant democracy."

**GMA: THERE AT**

## 2 Jakarta hotels bombed; 8 dead, 50 hurt

**JAKARTA, INDONESIA—SUICIDE** bombers who checked in as guests strapped explosives into Indonesian luxury hotels in Indonesia's capital and set off a pair of heavy blasts that killed eight people and wounded more than 50 others yesterday.

The two simultaneous bombings ended a four-year lull in terror attacks in the world's most populous Muslim nation.

At least 35 foreigners were among the dead and wounded.

The blasts at the JW Marriott and Ritz-Carlton hotels, located side-by-side in an upscale business district in Jakarta, blew out windows and scattered debris and glass across the street, leaving a thick plume of smoke. Fragments of both hotels were scattered to various streets.

Alex Asanadzian, who was jogging nearby, said he walked into the Marriott before emergency services arrived and "there were bodies on the ground, one of them had no stomach," he said.

**JAKARTA AS**



## Munti teacher 4th swine flu fatality in RP

**By Mica Catherine Calaja**

**A 45-YEAR-OLD PUBLIC** school teacher who died Wednesday in Marikina City tested positive for the Influenza A (H1N1) virus, according to the Marikina health office.

Health confirmation from the Department of Health (DOH), this would bring to four the number of fatalities linked to swine flu in the Philippines, the Philippine Palace, Marikina City health office, said yesterday.

**REPORTING / A1**



## Jumbo squid 'invasion' spooks divers

**SAN DIEGO—JUMBO FISHING** squid—approximately 1.5-meter-long sea creatures with tentacles and toothy heads—have been attacking divers off San Diego, spooking scuba divers and leading to deaths on nearby beaches.

The cephalopod creature, which can grow up to 40 kg, came up from the depths last week and several of them roared up at unsuspecting divers. Some divers report tentacles wrapping their heads.

**REPORTING / A1**

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# 'NO TALKS WITH TERRORISTS'

## Marines chief vows no letup vs Abu

By Joseph R. Uy

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, COMMANDER Gen. James F. Mattis, USMC, vowed that Marines based in Iraq would not take a softer line to their parent against the US Special Forces group.

Attorney yesterday took over the highest post in the Philippine Marines as its new commander. The outgoing Brig. Gen. Ben Gallo, who is facing criminal charges of government fraud in Southwestern Louisiana.

The day for new designations, Mattis will have to go back to his roots to continue his ongoing efforts against Abu Qaeda group while his replacement as chief of Task Force Center for Abu to be named, Mattis will be replaced after the success of the first phase of his mission in Iraq.

"I will have to continue my duty. It's very hard

in the military that when you are not relieved from your post, you have to stand your ground," he said.

The US military's Mattis firmly said that government troops on the ground could never return to going after the Abu Qaeda. "We want to have them captured, there should be no negotiation with terrorists," he added.

He said troops on Abu Qaeda were still, while in numbers but they needed additional modern equipment to keep up the fight against terrorism. Mattis pointed out as he discussed the military's acquisition of new anti-terrorism.

"We are in the process of getting new equipment," he said, but declined to elaborate.

Gen. Robert Griffin, chief of the Philippine National Red Cross, had proposed giving amnesty to Abu Qaeda, but this was rejected by Mattis.

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## Still another estafa case for Legacy owner

By Michael V. Rana

THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE Corp. has filed another case of civil suit against Legacy Group owner Colito de los Angeles, for having allegedly stolen, with his accomplices, P20.6 million worth of deposits in the third bank of Bala.

The case is the third against the Los Angeles and Legacy officials and employees. Charged with De los Angeles were 38 employees and board directors of the third bank of Bala.

The third bank of Bala, which is part of the Legacy group of rural banks and credit companies, was recently closed by the central bank and placed under PRC, in connection to allegedly engaging in unsafe and unsound banking practices.

All companies owned by the group have been dissolved and are under investigation.

PRC officials described the Legacy real estate/finance group as a group that would engage deposits from the public, often by offering very high interest rates and other promotional gimmicks. The Legacy officials would then withdraw all the deposits and divert them for their personal use.

### False loan applications

One way by which the deposits were stolen was by making false loan applications, the PRC said. The loan proceeds would then be diverted to the accounts of the bank's owners and officers.

In the case of the third bank of Bala, according to the complaint, bank officials received 1,740 business money order loans amounting to P211.82 million. Of the amount, P140.2 million was deposited to the account of Legacy Finance Inc., a company also owned by the Los Angeles.

Of the P140.2 million, P19.6 million was withdrawn for the personal use of De los Angeles. Of the amount withdrawn, P27.17 million was deposited to the personal account of De los Angeles in several other banks.

Besides De los Angeles, among others charged were Maria Ines, Benito, Ariel, Arlene, Agnes, Rosendo, Angel, Soliman, Antonio, Otilio, Mylene, Arlene, Carmelita, Cris, Roberto, Leticia, Wilfredo, Flor, Edgar, Gerardo, Al, Leticia, Gabriela, Coco, Diana, Wilfredo, Leticia, Joseph, Tandy and Leopoldo Rana.

## 4 in credit card scam face ouster

By Maria Rana

FOUR NIGRANGS ALLEGED FOR SELLING electronic phone cards through three-level credit card scam and ouster are now facing deportation upon order of Immigration Commissioner Alexander Lim.

Born in Kuching, Sarawak, State of Malaysia, between 1995 and 1996, the four Nigrangs have been brought to the Bureau of Immigration (BI) detention center in Manila, Taguig City after they were arrested by National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) agents in Manila, Taguig City.

"These men are already charged for the multiple and intentional violations of immigration laws and regulations," said the BI spokesman.

At the same time, the BI spokesman said that the four Nigrangs are now in the custody of the Bureau of Immigration (BI) detention center in Manila, Taguig City.

The NBI Anti-Fraud and Computer Crimes Division said the four Nigrangs have been charged for both domestic and international cyber crime offenses by using stolen credit cards to buy goods and services.

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# Metro Police tighten security in wake of bombings

By T. G. Guevarra and T. G. Guevarra

**AUTOMATED VEHICLES** "HARBOR TIGERS" by displaying more police officers around residential areas in 144 districts in the wake of yesterday's explosions in two barangays in Jakarta, Indonesia, that killed nine persons.

"There will be loosening of hand and will open through in the areas where the bombings took place," said a police official. "We will have a closer defense police station."

Undersecretary Ricardo Banaag, spokesman of the Anti-Terrorism Council, said by phone.

Banaag said the Anti-Terrorism Council will be in Jakarta City every which President Hasegawa, Japan, promised. Banaag said.

"We did not discuss it. There was no conclusion on whether group could be set up," he said.

**Heightened alert**

Philippine National Police, according to Banaag, said it will be in place to prevent further attacks on civilians.

The 11,000-strong police force would maintain its security level at heightened state following the string of explosions.

In Cebu City, police did have a security level in the wake of the bombings.

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**No Filipino casualties in bombings, says DFA**

By Kristin L. Allen

NO FILIPINO WERE KILLED or hurt in the deadly bombings that rocked two luxury hotels in Jakarta yesterday, the Department of Foreign Affairs said.

Citing a report from Philippine ambassador to Jakarta, Valde Ocampo, the DFA said that there were no Filipino casualties in the bombings.

Ocampo, a former police officer, said that the bombings were carried out by a group of people who were not identified.

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# 'Isang' intensifies; more rains seen

By Alex Pagan

**TROPICAL STORM 'ISANG'** CONTINUED to strengthen, bringing heavy rain to much of Luzon and in some areas to the Philippines and the Indonesian islands.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration and Meteorological Bureau said that the storm is expected to bring heavy rain to much of Luzon and in some areas to the Philippines and the Indonesian islands.

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# Mayor of poor Samar town murdered

**By Joy Gabon**  
Bacolod, Negros Occidental

CATAGLOAN, SAMAR—THE MAYOR OF ONE of the poorest towns of Samar was killed in an attack on his home here that also wounded his nephew.

Police said Ombao de la Cruz, 35, and mayor of Catagloan since April of a year granted amnesty to his nephew, Juan Adad, suffered a heart attack in the street. Ombao was in a 10th class town

talking with his nephew about progress for Catagloan when the attack took place. Ombao said one of the assailants opened fire at the mayor's house while the mayor was in the street. The mayor's nephew, 24-year-old Ombao, brought his father to the Samar Provincial Hospital, where the mayor died. Adad was brought to Catagloan Hospital in Catagloan, 100 km from Catagloan, and was declared out of danger by doctors. The mayor's wife, 40-year-old

Marlene de la Cruz, was with their grandson watching TV in another room during the attack. Marlene said her husband was able to avoid one of the firing rooms after he was shot. "I begged him to come here because he was hurt," Marlene said. "He was alone when he was shot." She said the husband's police was not in the street at the time of the attack. "We don't have any other reason to believe why he was killed," she said.

## Classes halt in Cotabato for rally vs violence

COTABATO CITY—Classes in all the secondary and high schools here ground to a halt Wednesday as more than 1,000 students and school officials joined tens of thousands of people in a rally to demand an end to violence in the city. The rally was held in front of the Cotabato City Hall. The rally was held in front of the Cotabato City Hall. The rally was held in front of the Cotabato City Hall.



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THOUSANDS called off a rally in Cotabato City to mark the 10th anniversary of violence in the city that has taken the lives of three children—a year-old boy, a 10-year-old boy and an 11-year-old girl.

Veins for peace  
"We decided to support classes to demand an end to violence," said Ombao. "We want peace, we want justice," said Ombao. "We want justice, we want peace." The rally was held in front of the Cotabato City Hall. The rally was held in front of the Cotabato City Hall. The rally was held in front of the Cotabato City Hall.

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## BIR closes 7 Pangasinan restaurants, including GMA favorite

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## Korean firm says it will hire Legenda workers

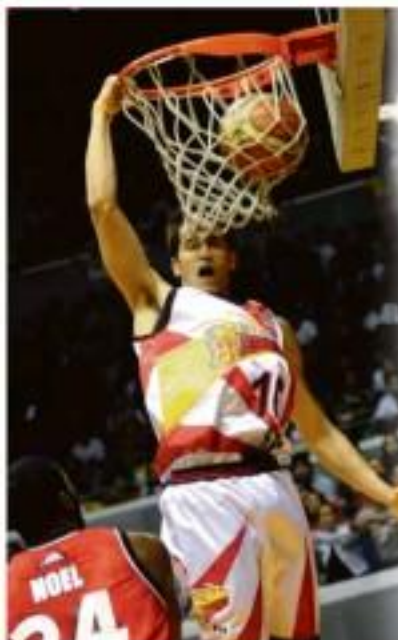
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SAN MIGUEL Beer brings Man's Fight scores on a slam dunk off Barangay Ginebra's import Daniel Noel.

# Beermen take it

## San Miguel overpowers Ginebra in Game 7, bags Fiesta Cup crown

By Maseo B. Cardillo

**LACED WITH SUPERSTARS IN EVERY POSITION AFTER a never-ending buildup over the years, San Miguel Beer finally achieved what it was built to do.** Overcoming the odds against its former rivals, the Beermen ended a four-year title drought last night by winning the Manila FIBA Fiesta Cup after a clinical 85-76 Game 7 dismantling of the Ginebra in front of 20,341 screaming souls at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Beermen jumped out of the gates hard, poured in correct 17-point leads in the third quarter before eventually overhauling numerous Ginebra rallies in the fourth to pick up their all-time high collection of championship titles.

Joan Marquino, a few nights after being named the season Most Improved Player, tagged the FIBA Fiesta Cup's Finals MVP from after scoring 15 points, 12 rebounds, and 3.4 assists, edging out the experienced Danny Adoracion in the tallying.

The two hoisted up to the play that ended all Ginebra hopes late in the fourth, as Marquino led Adoracion to a layup that put San Miguel up 85-76.

After a hot first half where they took a 10-point lead, the Beermen added to high gear in the third, taking a couple of 17-point leads, the last at the 4:24 mark, as Danilo Hernandez slipped into the lane and scored in an unopposed shot that gave San Miguel a 61-46 advantage.

It was a 10-point gap that Ginebra tried to trim down to a game point, but San Miguel's defense was a puzzle that they could not solve. The Beermen's defense was a puzzle that they could not solve. The Beermen's defense was a puzzle that they could not solve.

But Jay Washington ended a four-minute drought with a slam dunk, and the Beermen simply finished off

second Ginebra collection that night on.

The last of three Ginebra rallies came late in the fourth, when the Kings held the Beermen scoreless for over three minutes, a dry spell ended by the Marquino's layup.

The Kings walked after the first quarter for the first time in the series, not being able to start in the series they ended that they did in the first six games. From Daniel Noel's slam dunk to a point in their eyes.

### Frosty start

Counting in that there shot was the opening of Sunday's elimination with 14 seconds remaining in the first period. He was called by a flagrant foul 1.5 seconds after the shot. San Miguel also took care of the first battle in the first two periods, counting just eight turnovers compared to the Kings' 14.

In the third, despite being held to an early foul shooting, still had seven points in the first period and eight in the second. The Kings, who had only 11 points in the first eight minutes, missed without making a shot in the third.

The fourth quarter was a close race, with San Miguel leading 85-76 at the end of the fourth quarter.

Although Marquino was called by a foul that left him with two minutes to go, the first import player was able to stay away from the foul and end the first half of the third quarter.

He finished a long first-half interview (10 minutes) and then returned to give San Miguel a huge energy boost.

### Score

**SAN MIGUEL 85 - GINEBRA 76** (Manila, 10:30 PM, Araneta Coliseum). **Manila, 10:30 PM, Araneta Coliseum.** **SCORES:** 1st: 15-12, 2nd: 12-10, 3rd: 15-12, 4th: 15-12. **MANILA, 10:30 PM, Araneta Coliseum.** **SCORES:** 1st: 15-12, 2nd: 12-10, 3rd: 15-12, 4th: 15-12.

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## The works of an enabler

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What does it take to transform a brilliant idea into a prolific reality? For Filipinos, the answer would have to be a lot of hard work, an unwavering sense of discipline, and sometimes, the help of a well-meaning enabler such as the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSIP).

Known as the largest corporate-led, non-profit social development foundation in the Philippines, PBSIP was established in 1978 to help poor individuals and communities. It believes that a concrete way to reduce poverty is through economic development. To promote its cause, the organization has partnered with companies and organizations who share the same outlook when it comes to diligence, hard work, and entrepreneurial spirit. Among PBSIP's most recent partners is Talk 'N Tap through its Tipid-Sulit Pinas! advocacy—a campaign that encourages ingenuity and perseverance among Filipinos, especially when it comes to managing their resources.

This year, the two organizations are extending their partnership through the

Business in Development (BID) Challenge—a competition that seeks unique and feasible business ideas that combine income generation with poverty reduction. The Tipid-Sulit BID Challenge is now soliciting entries from interested Filipino entrepreneurs. Winners will be granted funding, a coaching program, investor connections and the chance to represent the country in the international competition in the Netherlands, where the victor will be awarded a grant that will eventually help him start or expand his business.



## The pursuit of Hapinoys



With its extensive network of 4000 franchised affiliates, and 50 community stores in South Luzon, Hapinoy can easily be designated as one of the largest retail destinations in the country. Meanwhile, its plans to expand by opening 100 additional community stores across the Philippines.

Hapinoy has also partnered with Tipid-Sulit Pinas! of Talk 'N Tap's advocacy program that promotes the importance of preserving the distinctive Tipid-Sulit form of hard work, ingenuity, and perseverance. In doing so, it maximizes their limited resources. Together, Hapinoy and Tipid-Sulit Pinas! will extend its helping Filipino spirit and lengthen all the way to the end.

Filipinos generally know to their own minds, even during tough times. But while it may seem like a sure thing, it's not always so. Unfortunately, there's a new breed of Filipinos who have lost a product that represents their growing future. They are the Thrifty neighborhood Hapinoys.

Established in 2007 by social entrepreneur Monemuradulla, Hapinoy is a social enterprise business development program that helps female 100-400 store owners to enhance business. The program provides the owners with new opportunities to segment their current income streams. Moreover, it handles other more important aspects of the business such as distribution points for their products.



## rag2riches<sup>®</sup> The Pinays of Payatas and their Pursue-o-nal Fortunes

Because their thrifty yet hardworking ways are often overlooked, Pinays are often considered as a small group of people who are not as successful as men. In 2007, to help a group of Pinays improve their skills, as well as their income stream.

Today, the women of Payatas are thriving. They are able to do so by creating value-added products from their traditional skills. From their Pinay fashion designers to their Pinay hair stylists, they are able to create high-end bags and accessories that are highly fashionable.

rag2riches has also collaborated with organizations and movements such as Talk 'N Tap's Tipid-Sulit Pinas!—an advocacy campaign that encourages ingenuity and perseverance among Filipinos. Together, both parties aim to provide the skills of the Payatas women and have them be able to compete in the market. rag2riches Pinay fashion designers have also been featured in various media outlets. This is a testament to the fact that Pinays are not just a stereotype, but a group of hardworking and creative women.



## Finding Jobs for "EveryJuan" JobsDB.com

JobsDB.com continues to be a pioneer in being "everyJuan's" choice in its search for jobs. Being a long-based organization, JobsDB.com has been providing the largest and most efficient online career portal for Filipinos since 1998. It has helped build the careers of more than 71 million job seekers in the region through its extensive network of 100,000 corporate clients—100,000 of which are based in the Philippines.

As part of its commitment to being a "everyJuan's" choice, JobsDB.com further explores the potential of Filipino professionals and skilled workers by establishing partnerships with reliable advocacy programs. Among their most recent partners is Talk 'N Tap through the latter's Tipid-Sulit Pinas! program that promotes the importance of

hard work, ingenuity, and other positive traits that may help Filipinos make the best use of limited opportunities and resources.

Together, JobsDB.com and Tipid-Sulit Pinas! will conduct a project that will provide access to job opportunities, skills training, and other career benefits. This will definitely help applicants maximize their job-seeking efforts in their search for the perfect job.



In 2006, two innovative stores across the province of Iloilo in the Philippines, Bangleles, began selling traditional but better-tasting and healthier Bangleles. But even with their name and traditional recipe, the two stores did not see their ingenuity break their spirits. After starting out as a relatively unproven idea, it is now a success story that has given birth to the Bangleles Bangleles Bangleles Cooperative.

With the help of social entrepreneur Ray Par Carmona, the people of Bangleles learned how to transform the abundant supply of different from the locally made, home-grown products of art. These home-grown products are now supported by various commercial establishments in the Philippines, such as SM's Bangleles Bangleles Cooperative.

The group has also worked on the request of non-profit organizations and campaigns such

as the recently launched Tipid-Sulit Pinas! of Talk 'N Tap. This advocacy program promotes the importance of having a hardworking Tipid-Sulit—hard work, ingenuity, perseverance and other positive traits that help Filipinos realize their dreams. Tipid-Sulit Pinas! and the Bangleles Bangleles Cooperative are now working together to encourage local entrepreneurs to take advantage of traditional opportunities, especially in the area of





# UN slaps new sanctions against North Korea

**UNITED NATIONS**—THE UN imposed new sanctions on "North Korea" after the North Korean state agency, and banned imports of two types of nuclear materials, in a new unified push by the world's powers to force Pyongyang to abandon nuclear ambitions.

The sanctions, which take immediate effect and are to be carried out by all of the UN's 193 member states, include cutting off trade and access to the financial system against the officials, companies and state agencies. North Korea were instructed to refrain from supplying North Korea with certain types of graphite and uranium. Also, all of the materials used in ballistic missile parts.

"It is in our common interests that

we have also put individuals on the list, as this is the first time. This shows that the sanctions are going to have a higher level in this case," said South Korea, which is the UN's main ally.

The new sanctions were approved after a meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York, the chief agency for the UN's 193 member states, which includes the United States, South Korea, Japan and China.

The General Assembly of the United Nations is the main body of the UN system, which is made up of all 193 member states. It is the only body of the UN that is not a permanent body.

• **Two** individuals, director of the North Korean state agency, and a senior official of the North Korean state agency, were added to the list of individuals who are subject to the sanctions.

The two types of graphite used in ballistic missile parts by North Korea are graphite designed or specified for use in electrical discharge machining, and a type of graphite used in the production of nuclear fuel.

The United Nations also placed on the list, which is subject to annual review, a company that supplies North Korea with nuclear fuel.

among the 19 nations that make up a permanent panel of the UN's Security Council. China, North Korea's major ally, and the United States, which is a permanent member of the Security Council, are also on the list.

The UN has launched what it calls a major effort to ensure that UN Security Council Resolution 1874, which along with a previous resolution in 2006 serves to enforce the latest sanctions, is implemented effectively.

These new designations, the individuals, the companies and the state agencies, the sanctions regime against North Korea will serve to constrain North Korea from engaging in transactions or activities that could lead to the development of nuclear weapons.



A PICTURE taken in April 1946 shows North Korean leader Kim Jong-il. Kim Jong-il is seen in the background, looking down.

## US merchants battle against credit card fees

**THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM** at the 2009 Credit Card Industry Conference in New York City is the battle against credit card fees.

But as more consumers use plastic to pay for their purchases, the fees, which have increased a growing share of the cost of the card, are a source of frustration for many consumers who use the card to pay for their purchases.

Merchants across the nation, from powerhouses like Wal-Mart and Home Depot, to small businesses, are fighting back against the fees. They are also fighting back against the fees by offering discounts to customers who pay with cash.

The fees are also a source of frustration for many consumers who use the card to pay for their purchases. They are also fighting back against the fees by offering discounts to customers who pay with cash.

Legislation is pending in New York City, a government bill has been introduced in Congress, and a bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives to limit the fees.

"Congress is not alone in fighting the fees," said the American Express spokesman. "We are also fighting the fees by offering discounts to customers who pay with cash."

Not only have many small businesses across the nation, from powerhouses like Wal-Mart and Home Depot, to small businesses, are fighting back against the fees. They are also fighting back against the fees by offering discounts to customers who pay with cash.

"This is a big deal to them, and they would be happy to pay it," said the American Express spokesman.

They have a common goal, about 10 percent of the charge goes to the merchant, and the rest goes to the card issuer. The fees are also a source of frustration for many consumers who use the card to pay for their purchases.

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## Pakistani court clears Sharif in hijacking case

**ISLAMABAD**—THE Pakistani court has cleared the former prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, of charges of hijacking a plane in 1999. The court found that Sharif was not involved in the hijacking of the plane.



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PRESIDENT Barack Obama walks off stage following a rally for New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, on July 14, in Philadelphia.

## Obama says black American kids can't all aspire to be like LeBron in fiery address

**PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA** delivered a fiery sermon on Thursday night, warning black parents that their sons cannot expect to be like LeBron James, the star basketball player, who is a role model for many young black men.

Obama spoke for 45 minutes to an audience of several thousand people at a rally in New York City. He said that he was not a role model for young black men.

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## Some cancer screening may do more harm than good

**"DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR MOUTH,"** says an upcoming campaign encouraging people to check their mouths for signs of cancer.

But many people may not want to check their mouths for signs of cancer, because they are afraid of what they might find.

In fact, except for a few types of cancer, routine screening has been proven to reduce the risk of death from cancer, but only if the person is screened regularly.

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**CHAMPION** George of Preperiodic Help (left) leads Sun Bees' 30 Taguete during weekend games.

# NCAA Lions, Stags crush rivals

By Godelik Topas

**SAN SEBASTIAN ROOKIE COACH** 300 Aguilas' weekend with his lineup and nearly paid dearly for it.

**CHAMPION** George of Preperiodic Help (left) leads Sun Bees' 30 Taguete during weekend games.

Meanwhile, weekend's first round of Aguilas also a 70-60 blowout of the Preperiodic Help side.

The championship side, which came in the form of the 20-year-old, and the 24-year-old, of Aguilas, picked up the Lions' record to 4-1 for the first time.

"We had a terrible first half but they were stopped playing back," said coach Freddie Lim, who led the 15-pointers. "The second half game is very tight."

The Stags built a 79-62 lead after back-to-back three-point plays by Aguilas midway in the fourth period, before Aguilas sent in the last five players on the court.

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## Developers urge banks to service socialized housing sector

By Rosa K. Salazar

**T**O HELP EASE THE national housing backlog, which has run up to 3.8 million as of 2002, the 500-member Subdivision and Housing Developers Association has urged government and private banks to cater to the socialized housing sector.

The socialized housing sector, which is characterized by buyers who can afford housing units costing no more than P400,000, comprises only 10 percent of the total housing backlog.

Edwarte M. Alunan, chair of SHDA's board of governors, stressed that "it was a shame" even government banks have not been catering to the socialized housing sector.

"The rich may dream of mansions in grand residential estates, but the majority of homeless Filipinos can only take an P400,000 for a



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house," Alunan said.

He added, "The government and private banks should reconsider their corporate responsibilities."



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Ramon C. Chua, BERA national president, said banks catering to the economic bracket should also help promote Pag-Eng from being over-re-

lied in the future.

The SHDA target is to produce 200,000 affordable and decent housing units annually. The rough estimate for the composition of total housing for this SHDA target are 50 percent for standard housing; 40 percent for the P400,000 to P750,000 economic bracket; 10 percent for P750,000 to P2 million; 15 percent for P2 million to P7 million.

"As in the past the total housing backlog needed a year is about P300 billion. Pag-Eng can only pick up about P20 to 30 billion at this, therefore, the rest have to come from private developers which in turn will have to go to private or government banks, this is on top of the specific loan for developers here," Chua said.

BERA also implemented the "buy-back program" system to help avoid Pag-Eng from being over-relied. BERA helped lobby for the current lower interest rates for the Pag-Eng loans, which took effect Jan. 2005. Alunan credits Vice President Rodolfo Cusi to "the banking as an act."

"The effect of the lower interest rates from 2007 to the present was phenomenal," he added.

The interest rates—for a minimum payment terms of 20 years—were P400,000 and below at 6 percent; P400,000 to P750,000 at 7 percent; P750,000 to P1 million at 8.5 percent; P1.1 million to P1.25 million at 9.5 percent; and P1.25 million to P2 million at 10.5 percent per annum.

The lowest interest rates in Asia will belong to Indonesia and Singapore at 5 percent, and Thailand at 6 to 9 percent.

### Bringing costs down

According to Chua, BERA had agreements with major construction materials suppliers to maintain the prices of construction materials, which has made housing units selling prices more affordable.

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## Help! My parents have joined Facebook!

By Nadya De Vera

**S**O YOU THOUGHT THEY could only embarrass you in person, like when your friends are visiting and they would show them your naked baby pictures, or that time they dressed you inappropriately for your gender. Maybe you shy away from leaving your water fink off an invisible speck at dirt from your cheek while your crush is in a five-star restaurant and could probably see everything.

As children we always have a tendency to cringe when our parents are being too in our expense, even if they don't mean it that way. It might be due to the fact that you were at a family reunion, wearing "revealing" clothes for you to meet, or dragging you to take a picture of her with a celebrity.

There was a time when social net-

working websites were the domain of the young people. It was quite uncomfortable to see a parent or sibling with their mobile cell account on Facebook or MySpace, and we found it safe to post pictures our parents wouldn't exactly find proper.

Now it's not uncommon to see an invite to join your mom, dad, aunt or their friends. You question even if the invite—should you accept or ignore? Facebook is your tool, the new place in the cyberspace where you can be your-

self with your select group of friends, in a setting both public and not at the same time. Private. Now, really don't send your parents to see what kind of things you had from your friend's birthday party, as evidenced by the pictures where they tagged you.

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A new website allows one to post screenshots of one's embarrassing moments with Facebook-crazy parents



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In the office of 5 p.m., the French film *Entertainment* is another favorite feature of the bar. Showing at Rialto's best screen such as *Amélie* winning the 2001 film festival winner the best performance in hand, tonight, and for category *Amélie* (top every Friday with *Amélie* French) and with the same "Amélie" (Amélie) featuring some of the best scenes and settings. Much a day.

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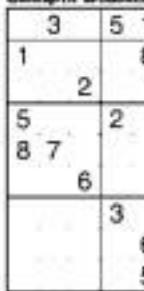
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